

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Matthew B. STUDHOLME et al. :  
Serial No.: 09/849,240 : Examiner:  
Filed: May 7, 2001 : Patricia Hightower Hampton  
For: Process for Preparing Polymeric Fibers Based :  
On Blends of Two or More Polymers :  
Division of Ser. No. 09/849,240 filed May 7, 2001 :

McLean, Virginia  
January 23, 2004

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed contemporaneously with the filing of a divisional application of Application Serial No. 09/849,240, filed May 7, 2001.

Please amend the application as indicated below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.